

To create a mental health pharmacy benefit to serve eligible offenders supervised by Corrections

Agency/Program #: 6401-02-17
Division: Community Corrections
Program: Mental Health Services

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Program or Project Description:

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Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 31, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	3,726	3,726	946,273	534	
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$3,726	\$3,726	\$946,273	\$534	

Legislative Goal(s):

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Legislative Performance Measures :

of offenders who release from Montana State Prison/Montana Women's Prison with psychotropic medications and average costs per offender per month
 # of offenders who require ongoing medication support, duration and average costs per person
 # of SSI/SSDI applications filed, approved and type, duration and costs of medications covered

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	initial program descriptions developed for DPHHS/AMDD to be used in division planning	6/1/2007	
2	funds transfer from HHS to DOC begins	Sep-07	
	initial draft of DOC policies to guide programs completed		
3	Outcome measures defined by HHS & DOC staff		
4	E-mail boxes created for online application to new programs	Oct-07	
5	first scheduled SOAR training for P & P officers – Region 1 Missoula, Region 5 Kalispell	Nov-07	
	Comment period for DOC policies (thru Nov 15)		
6	Community Mental Health Bureau field staff trained on program access; Adult Community Corrections managers trained on program access	11-Dec	
7	Prerelease contract amendments proposed to include mental health services in all centers.	Jan-08	
	Community Health Centers offered funding to serve the target population.		
8	P&P and Prerelease staff begin submitting individual med requests for offenders in the community.	Mar-08	
	Over 70 individual medication requests have been submitted from P&P and Prerelease centers.	Aug/Sept 2008	

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Medication requests total more than \$10,000 in first two months of fiscal year. Mental Health Medication and Services benefits to be discussed at MCA conference.	July/Aug 08 Sept 08	
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Agency Performance Report:

The first 30 days of medications issued for inmates at release from secure custody is paid from institution budgets and is not reflected above.

Start date: Nov 2007.

of offenders who release from Montana State Prison/Montana Women's Prison with psychotropic medications and average costs per offenders per month

MWP: 65 offenders released on psychotropic medications. Average costs is \$203.42 per person per month

MSP: Information is still being gathered and will be reported in subsequent reports.

of offenders who require ongoing medication support, duration and average costs per person

Over 70 medication support request forms have been submitted from community corrections, July 1, 2008 to present. Total estimated cost of requests is approximately \$10,000. Average estimate per person per month is \$71.

of SSI/SSDI applications filed, approved and type, duration and costs of medications covered

8 applications filed – July 1, 2008 to present 7 new apps 1 reapplying

Locations for inmates filing: 3 – MSP Deer Lodge 1 – MSH Warm Springs 2 – MWP Billings 2 – CCRP – Great Falls

37.5% allowance rate (3 of 8 approved)

Average case processing time: 62.6 days

The data collection process is being developed to collect baseline data.

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment: Progress report requested

Data Relevance: Yes

Appropriation Status: Provided

Comments/Issues: Less than \$5,000 of the \$950,000 appropriation has been expended. Per information provided during the agency's September management team meeting it is LFD staff understanding that one obstacle experienced by the department is offenders needing but not having access to a prescription. Statutory language restricting this appropriation allows the funding to be used only to purchase medications. The workgroup may wish to discuss with the department this obstacle and other obstacles experienced by the department in implementation of this program.

Options:

- Change LFD Assessment

Version	Date	Author
AO-1	12/5/07	Gervais
DW-2	5/19/08	Gervais
DP-3	9/23/08	Gervais

Change Description
1st Report
June 2008 update, change version to reflect section D
Sept 2008 update